1	2	3	4	5	6
Do.	600 MW Auraiya Gas Power Project	Etawah	371.67	Oct. '86	Feb. '91
Do.	Auraiya CPP Transmis-sion Line	..	100.60	Oct. '86	Aug. '88
Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.	2 lakh line capacity switching equipment factory	Raebareli	64.50	Nov. '80	March '90
Do.	5 Lakh line capacity switch system factory	Manakpur	149 19	Nov. '82	March '90
		TOTAL	4462.70		

Number of Essential Drugs

2039. DR. R. K. pODDAR;
SHRi MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY;
SHRIMATI KANAK MU-KHERJEE;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.-

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to th$_e$ news-item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 18th January, 1988 regarding non-availability of th$_e$ 3ist of essential drugs with Government;

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have with them the number of formulations manufactured in the country; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exact quantification of Essentiality is difficult.

(c) No, Sir.

Bandh call by tyre users

2040. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY; Wiill the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased *to* state;

(a) whether it is a fact that various expert reports have come with the exploitation of consumers as well as of trade by tyre manufacturers;

(b) whether the tyre manufacturers desisted from giving effect to price increases in spite of warnings from Government;

(c) if so, whether the 7 lakh commercial transport operators have decided to go on for a indefinite country-wide Bandh beginning on the 3lst March, 1988; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the report of various expert committees appointed by the Government in this regard and what necessary action is being taken by the Government to give protection to consumer transporters to avoid the proposed Bandh call?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARU-NACHALAM): (a) The Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices in Volume-I of its report on Automotive Tyre Industry referred to the reduction in inter—company pric$_e$ variation as well as unified and coordinated increases in the prices by tyre manufacturers, resulting in a dilution of free market competition regulating prices in the industry and also suggested that the Government may consider referring the issue of prices discounts and trade and distribution practices and policies in the ty$_{re}$ industry to $_a$ probe by the MRTP Commission. Th$_e$ Government referred the matter to the MRTP Commission for necessary action.

(b) There is no statutory control over prices of tyre$_s$. Government had urged the tyr$_e$ manufacturers through a communication addressed to the All India Tyre Manufacturers' Association in June, 1987 to refrain from increasing the prices of tyres. The tyre manufacturers, however, increased the prices (Net Dealers Price) of tyres by around 7 pe$_r$ cent in July, 1987. The Automobile Tyr$_e$ Manufacturers' Association justified the price increase on the ground that there had been considerable increase in the costs of inputs.

(c) Th$_e$ All India Motor Transport Congress has issued a press Note an nouncing that tranport operators $_w$ill take thei$_r$ vehicles off the road from the midnight of 31st March, 1988 un less its demand are met. Increased tyr$_e$ prices is one of the issues raised by the AH India Moto$_r$ Transport Congress.

(d) Actio$_n$ with regard to com plaints regarding adoption of unfair and restrictive trade practices by tyre manufacturers would be taken by the MRTP Commission as pe$_r$ the provi sions of the MRTP Act. Government ar$_e$ of the view that consumers inter est would be best served by allowing fre$_e$ play to th$_e$ market forces. Keep ing this in view, Government have liberally sanctioned fresh capacities for the manufacture of tyres and are also allowing existing units to ex-pan^ capacities upto the level fixed for the industry under th$_e$ Minimum Economic Scale Scheme. Government are also in regular touch with the manufacturers to maximise production with a view to ensure adequate availability of tyres in th$_e$ market.

District Industries Centres functioning in Madhya Pradesh

2041. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI; SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether DlCs (Distt. Industries Centres) ar$_e$ functioning in Madhya Pradesh; if so, what is their number;

(b) what is the number of educated unemployed who have been provided employment through these DICs in Madhya Pradesh under the self-employment scheme during the last three years;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted regarding th$_e$ misuse of - misutilisation of assistance provided in the$_{Se}$ cases; if so. the results thereof; and

(d) what percentage of persons pro-viuad assistance by the DICs under the aforesaid scheme, have been successful in their ventures and are standing on their feet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARU-NACHALAM): ('a) Yes, Sir. Trie total number of DICs i$_n$ Madhya Pradesh is 45.

(b) The number of educated unemployed youth sanctioned loans under Self Employment scheme for educated unemployed youth during th$_e$ last